

Regional Directory



A directory of Regional Groups
serving the communities of
King County.



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About this Directory

As the King County region continues to grow, and as regional issues emerge, a variety of groups, communities and task forces have been formed to develop regional plans and policies. This **Regional Directory** attempts to offer a listing of such groups.

The advisory committees and/or decision-making members of the groups listed include elected officials from the governments of King County, City of Seattle, and Suburban Cities. The tasks carried out by these groups represent your regional government at work.

Each listing includes the purpose, mission, work program and information on how to contact the group.

The Regional Policy Committee and the Metropolitan King County Council hope you find this information helpful. Every effort was made to include all appropriate groups. If there is a group you think should be included, which was not, please fill out the form on the last page, or contact us through our listing in this directory.

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Welcome to your Regional Directory

The Metropolitan King County Council and the Regional Policy Committee are pleased to offer you this second printing of the Regional Directory. We hope you find this publication helpful. We welcome any comments you may have on the Directory.

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Economic Development / International Trade Groups

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District

The Central Puget Sound Economic Development District (CPSEDD) is the federally designated economic development district for the central Puget Sound region covering King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. It is responsible for economic development planning and infrastructure financing in the region. The CPSEDD collaborates with various private and public sector agencies to accomplish these tasks.

The CPSEDD was formed in 1971 by an agreement between the counties of King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish as a public non-profit organization. Each year the CPSEDD prepares the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the four-county region that includes prioritizing public works projects for consideration of federal funding. Projects must create permanent private sector jobs. The CPSEDD also provides a variety of technical and informational services throughout the region.

William Price is the chair of CPSEDD.

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Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County

Mission:

The Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County improves the quality of life by helping existing businesses flourish and attracting new businesses that provide family-wage jobs.

By promoting the creation of leading-edge, high paying jobs, assisting local jurisdictions and agencies with their unique business development programs and working regionally, the EDC ensures the region's success as a leader in the new economy.

The EDC is supported by its members, a prestigious coalition of business, government, education, community and environmental interests.

Services include business-relevant market intelligence in the form of siting and demographic information as well as forums on cutting-edge economic development issues.

Three special projects to help tackle long-range economic development challenges:

Freight Mobility Roundtable: The mission of this industry/government group is to ensure that freight mobility issues are addressed and funded in regional transportation plans.

King County Economic Development Action Plan: In 1998, the EDC articulated an Action Plan for King County (at www.action-plan.org): a comprehensive plan for the future of the region.

Commuter Challenge: Its purpose is to increase highway capacity through promotion of high occupancy vehicles (HOV), commuting and encouraging work options such as compressed schedules or telework. (www.commuterchallenge.org)

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King County International Trade Board

The King County International Trade Board was created in September 1996 as a part of the King County Council's International Trade Expansion and Economic Development Initiative. Its purpose is to help ensure that King County is a world class, business-friendly environment for trade, investment, jobs and prosperity.

The ongoing work program of the King County International Trade Board includes:

- Making strategic recommendations on King County government's role in ensuring the County is a world class center of trade.
- Serving in an ongoing advisory capacity to the Executive and County Council on matters relating to trade in the King County region.

Board members include representatives from the business community, educational institutions, labor organizations, and elected officials located in suburban, rural and unincorporated communities in King County.

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Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council

The mission of the Seattle-King County Workforce Development Council (WDC) is to develop and maintain a world-class, results-oriented education, training and employment system. This system will ensure all individuals access to the resources necessary to attain and retain living-wage employment and career paths while ensuring that employers have ready access to a qualified workforce. The WDC has established as its goals closing the skills gaps, promoting wage progression and building a comprehensive youth development system.

The new WDC is a private, non-profit organization (501c3) governed by a board whose members represent business, community-based organizations, community and technical colleges, economic development, K-12 education, employment support and resources, labor and local government. Funding comes from the U.S. Department of Labor and other public and private sources and is administered through congressional guidelines of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998.

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Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle

The Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle is a collaboration of the Port of Seattle, Metropolitan King County and Snohomish County governments, the cities of Seattle and Everett, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce and organized labor to promote this region internationally for trade and business. The Trade Alliance is governed by a 20-member executive board, chaired by Shan Mullin of the Perkins Coie law firm.

The current work program of the Trade Alliance includes:

Outbound missions and follow-up – 2000 Business and Trade Mission to China; 2000 International Study Mission (ISM) to Berlin; 2000 Business and Trade Mission to Taiwan and South Korea; 2001 ISM to Stockholm.

Inbound Trade and Business Delegations – guarantee sensitive and professional management of inbound trade missions; past examples include Chinese wastewater companies delegation and Bristol Chamber of Commerce Business Mission.

Creation of marketing materials – including industry sector brochures, video, web site and other materials to promote this region internationally.

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Emergency Management Groups

Emergency Management Advisory Committee

The Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) was originally formed in 1993 and was established by ordinance in 1999 to provide direction and coordination of emergency planning in King County.

Ongoing work of the EMAC includes:

- Advising the King County Executive on emergency management matters;
- Steering the future direction of disaster planning in King County;
- Steering the ongoing regional disaster planning effort that links cities, utilities, hospitals, schools, fire and police agencies, county government, businesses, volunteer, nonprofit and other public agencies;
- Forwards recommendations on issues of regional policy to the Regional Policy Committee for their action.

Members of the Committee include representatives from the Suburban Cities Association, King County, Port of Seattle, American Red Cross, King County Fire and Police Chief Associations, local area businesses, King County Water/Sewer Association, electric/gas utilities, school districts, and EMS. Members serve a three-year term with the chair chosen from the membership for one year.

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Environmental / Natural Resources Groups

King County Conservation District

The King Conservation District (KCD) is a subdivision of state government responsible for conserving the natural resources of King County. Formed in 1949, the District's primary mission is to provide local landowners with technical assistance, which maximizes productivity of the land while protecting water quality. The KCD is involved in a variety of resource conservation programs in both the rural and urban environment, including:

- Providing free information, technical assistance and soils data to all land users for water quality protection soil erosion control and wildlife habitat enhancement;
- Developing conservation plans for commercial and small farms in order to implement "Best Management Practices" for managing pastures and animal waste;
- Providing environmental education to school groups and youth organizations;
- The promotion of good land and water stewardship practices.

A five member volunteer Board of Supervisors made up of local residents provide direction for the work that we do. The District supervisors hold a meeting the second Wednesday of every month at the District office in Renton. The public is encouraged to attend.

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King County Commission for Marketing Recyclable Materials

The King County Commission for Marketing Recyclable Materials was established by the King County Council in 1989. The Board, comprised of a maximum of 21 members, represents solid waste collection companies, the recycling industry, manufacturers, chambers of commerce, trade and economic development councils, City of Seattle, Port of Seattle, institutions of higher education, citizen groups with an interest in recycling, King County Council and Suburban Cities Association.

The Commission was created to develop marketing strategies that increase the demand for recycled and reused products and to create and sustain markets for recycled feedstock. To fulfill this purpose, the Commission:

- Develops targeted programs designed to encourage greater awareness for and purchase of recycled products by the general consumer, business and public agencies;
- Works to inspire collaborative work alliances between the public and private sector.

The Commission is chaired by Gary Ewing.

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Puget Sound Clean Air Agency

The Puget Sound Clear Air Agency is responsible for protecting air quality in King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties. In addition to inspecting and providing assistance to approximately 4,000 registered businesses, the agency works with non-regulated businesses, health and environmental organizations, schools, local communities and citizens to anticipate pollution problems and protect regional air quality. The agency was established by state law in 1967 to enforce federal and state air quality regulations. It is governed by a board of directors comprised of eight elected officials from cities and counties in the region, plus a citizen representative appointed by the board.

Seattle City Council Chair Margaret Pageler is chair of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

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Regional Water Quality Committee

The Metropolitan King County Council's Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) was established by King County Charter, section 270, in 1994. RWQC develops, reviews, and recommends countywide policies and plans for water quality and sewer service issues, long range capital facilities plans, rate policies and facilities siting to guide King County's regional water quality responsibilities for consideration by the Metropolitan King County Council. In 1999, the council, upon recommendations by the RWQC, adopted the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP), a plan to provide wastewater services to this region for the next 30 years. The committee also oversees the Regional Needs Assessment, a regional partnership of Seattle, Bellevue, Suburban Cities and King County to solve watershed problems including flooding, water quality and fish habitat.

The current work plan for RWQC includes:

- Implementation of the Regional Wastewater Services Plan;
- Oversight of the Regional Needs Assessment process;
- Review of Financial Policies and Issues.

Members of the committee are elected officials from the Metropolitan King County Council, City of Seattle, Suburban Cities and sewer districts. Metropolitan King County Councilmember Louise Miller is the chair.

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Watershed Steering Committees and Forums

King County strives to take a comprehensive, regional view of the environment by looking at whole river systems, or watersheds. In response to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) listings for Chinook salmon and bull trout, watershed Steering Committees consisting of local governments, tribes, environmental and business groups, water and sewer districts, and state agencies will be developing watershed-wide salmon conservation plans. An assessment of the ecosystem conditions in each watershed and the "factors of decline" for salmon will form the basis for recommendations to protect and restore King County watersheds.

In addition, local government Watershed Forums (Central Puget Sound, Snoqualmie, Sammamish, Cedar/Lake Washington, and Green/Duwamish) continue to meet and discuss water resource issues across jurisdictions. The Forums continue to promote implementation of regional watershed activities through three primary functions: 1) allocating King Conservation District funding; 2) providing important local government input into the WRIA planning processes described above; and 3) providing feedback on proposals for a new source of funding for regional watershed activities and ESA response. Forum members are currently negotiating an inter-local agreement that will further define the relationship between the Forums and the WRIsAs.

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Health and Human Services Groups

Human Services Roundtable

The Human Services Roundtable is an intergovernmental coalition dedicated to improving the quality of life for King County residents. Membership includes elected and appointed officials from King County, City of Seattle, 9 Suburban Cities and United Way.

The Roundtable, a planning and advocacy body governed by an interlocal agreement, operates under the premise that a coordinated approach to human services can enhance the availability and efficiency of such services, and spread their cost more equitably across the region.

The current work programs includes:

- Improving access to domestic violence services;
- Increasing the capacity and coordination within the countywide response to homelessness;
- Improved understanding of human services issues by leaders and community members.

King County Executive Ron Sims is chair of the Human Services Roundtable.

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King County Board of Health

The King County Board of Health was created by a Metropolitan King County ordinance in response to state law RCW 70.05.035, requiring that the County have a single Board of Health by January 1, 1996. Fourteen members serve on the Board; 11 are elected officials from Suburban Cities Association, City of Seattle, and King County; three members are health professionals, one of whom serves as a non-voting member.

The Board of Health sets countywide public health policy, enacts and enforces local public health regulations, and carries out other duties of local boards of health specified in state law.

The current work program includes:

- Board strategic planning;
- Public health budget policy;
- Receiving reports on the activities and work products of the King County Health Action Plan.

Metropolitan King County Councilmember Greg Nickels is Chair of the Board.

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Jail Services/ Criminal Justice Groups

Jail Advisory Committee

The Jail Advisory Committee (JAC) was established under the 1985 Interlocal Agreement between King County and local jurisdictions for Jail Services. The JAC provides contracting cities with a forum to discuss and make recommendations regarding the policies, budgeting, billing, planning and operations of the jail. The JAC also addresses questions and concerns related to proposed jail fees, reviews and monitors the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention's annual budget request.

The JAC is comprised of representatives from the City of Seattle, Suburban Cities Association, and King County.

Steve Thompson, King County Dept. of Adult and Juvenile Detention is Chair of the JAC.

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Jail Committee Workgroup

The Jail Committee Work Group (JCWG) was established in 1987 when the King County Executive appointed a King County Jail Committee made up of representative of King County criminal justice agencies, county council, budget office, and Dept. of Corrections whose collective actions impact the population of the King County correctional and detention facilities. This committee has been associated with the development of systematic, efficient and coordinated population management strategies and effective criminal justice policies, including recommendations on alternative sentencing sanctions.

Recent work programs of the committee include:

- Operating pilot notification programs to remind defendants of court dates and decrease the number of “failure to appears” and ultimately the number of warrants and incarcerations;
- Developing and establishing Drug, Mental Health and Domestic Violence specialty courts where the judge, prosecutors and defenders are subject matter specialists and can expedite proceedings and/or treatment alternatives;
- Instituting same-day transports to Western State Hospital for court-ordered competency evaluations, reducing the number of jail-bed days for mentally ill offenders;
- Implementing video court proceedings in Tukwila, Des Moines, SeaTac, and Federal Way reducing or eliminating inmate transports to court and saving jail-bed days.

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Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee

The Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC) was established in 1989 to share and coordinate criminal justice information and programs, to address important criminal justice issues in the region, and to plan for future criminal justice needs. In 1994, the King County Council designated the RLSJC as the Local Law and Justice Council provided for by RCW 72.09.300. Participants include staff and elected officials from King County, City of Seattle, Suburban Cities Association, and federal agencies.

The work program of the RLSJC includes:

- Jail and youth services population management issues;
- Court efficiency studies and recommendations;
- Alternatives to incarceration studies;
- Misdemeanor study;
- Discussions on possible strategies to address the system-wide problem of racial disproportionality or overrepresentation;
- Coordination of county-wide programs such as Domestic Violence, telecommunications networks and Drug Diversion Court.

Laura Inveen, Chief Judge, Juvenile Division, King County Superior Court, is chair of the RLSJC for 2000.

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Regional Councils / Planning Groups

Growth Management Planning Council

The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) was established in the fall of 1991 when King County, the City of Seattle and the Suburban Cities of King County met jointly to develop and recommend Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) for King County as mandated by the Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A.210. These policies became effective Nov. 21, 1994. GMPC membership consists of 16 members, three from the City of Seattle, one from Bellevue, six from Suburban Cities Association, and six from King County. Members of special districts (port, water, sewer and fire) also participate at GMPC. Ron Sims, King County Executive, is chair of GMPC.

The GMPC addressed the following policy areas through the CPPs:

- Urban areas and centers;
- Protection of Rural Areas;
- Land use, critical areas, and open space;
- Countywide transportation services;
- Affordable housing;
- Countywide Compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

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Puget Sound Regional Council

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is an association of local government and state agencies that serves as a forum for developing policies and making decisions about regional growth management, economic and transportation issues in the four-county central Puget Sound region. The PSRC is designed under federal law as the Metropolitan Planning Organization and under state law as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization for King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties. PSRC is governed by an interlocal agreement and operates under the following federal and state laws:

- The federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21);
- Amendments to the federal and state Clean Air Acts;
- The state Growth Management Act.

The PSRC's mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the central Puget Sound area. Port of Seattle Commissioner Bob Edwards is President of PSRC. There is a general assembly of all members that meets annually to approve the agency budget and work program and adopt regional plans and amendments. An Executive Board meets monthly to oversee and approve ongoing annual work program activity and contacts.

Policy Boards (cont.)

Puget Sound Regional Council has two Policy Boards with representation from member cities, counties, ports, the state legislature, State Transportation official, and civic/ environmental, and business/labor interests. Both Boards provide policy oversight for the Regional Council's Annual Work Program for their respective areas.

The purpose of the **Transportation Policy Board** is to advise the Executive Board on transportation issues pursuant to federal legislation, state legislation and the update and maintenance of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Seattle City Councilmember Richard McIver is Chair of the Transportation Policy Board; Kitsap County Commissioner Chris Endreen is Vice Chair.

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The **Growth Management Policy Board** advises the Executive Board of the Regional Council on regional aspects of growth management issues pursuant to state legislation and the agency's annual work program. In addition, the Board reviews countywide policy plans and makes recommendations regarding consistency with the adopted regional growth strategy. Kitsap County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido is Chair of the Growth Management Policy Board; Snohomish County Councilmember Darc Somers is Vice Chair

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Regional Policy Committee

The Metropolitan King County Council's Regional Policy Committee (RPC) was established by King County Charter, section 270 in 1994. RPC is responsible for addressing countywide issues including human services, public health, disaster planning, solid waste, criminal justice, emergency medical services and other issues. Committee members are elected officials from the Metropolitan King County Council, the Suburban Cities Association, and the City of Seattle. The RPC is charged with developing, reviewing and recommending policies, plans and ordinances for consideration by the Metropolitan King County Council. The King County Charter provides RPC recommendations with added weight such that it requires eight votes on the full Council to modify them.

The current work plan for the RPC includes:

- Recommendations for changes to the Juvenile Justice System;
- Development of a Regional Emergency Management Plan for public and private entities;
- Review of the King County Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan.

Metropolitan King County Councilmember Larry Gossett is the Chair of RPC.

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Transit / Transportation Groups

Eastside Transportation Partnership

The Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) is an advisory organization of government, business and civic leaders designed to address transportation issues affecting the communities located in the rapidly growing area east of Lake Washington. Originally established through an interlocal agreement in 1997, ETP's purpose is to serve as an Eastside forum for inter-jurisdictional cooperation to implement coordinated prioritized transportation plans and programs through leadership, education and advocacy.

Current work program includes:

- Working to increase general transportation and grant revenues to implement Eastside projects and programs identified in the Mobility Action Priorities Plan;
- Develop integrated land use and transportation plans that are consistent with the regional vision, and identify strategies that improve overall mobility for people, freight and goods;
- Support implementation of transit and ridesharing products that provide a competitive alternative to the Single Occupant Vehicle;
- Develop a community leadership program that works to implement ETP's adopted plans, projects and programs through education and advocacy.

King County Councilmember Rob McKenna is Chair of ETP, and Kirkland Councilmember Joan McBride is Vice Chair.

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Regional Transit Committee

The Metropolitan King County Council's Regional Transit Committee (RTC) was established by King County Charter, section 270, in 1994. The purpose of the RTC is to develop, review and recommend policies and plans to guide the operations of King County's public transit system. Members of the committee are elected officials from the Metropolitan King County Council, City of Seattle, and Suburban Cities Association. Recommendations from the RTC go before the full Metropolitan King County Council for adoption.

The work program for the RTC includes:

- Response to the Loss of Transit Revenues from the State Motor Vehicle Excise Tax;
- Prioritizing types of transit service in preparation for possible reductions;
- Developing a framework for distributing possible service reductions among King County Metro's three sub-areas;
- Identification of possible operating efficiencies and replacement revenue sources.

Capital and Fare Policy Issues:

- Policy on the relationship between fixed-route and paratransit fares;
- Policies on investment in park & ride lots, bus shelters and other passenger facilities.

Metropolitan King County Councilmember Maggi Fimia is the chair of the RTC.

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SeaShore Transportation Forum

The SeaShore Transportation Forum, begun in 1993, is a cooperative effort of elected officials and representatives from the public and private sector to address common transportation issues in the Seattle/North King/South Snohomish County area. Its purpose is to serve as an interjurisdictional forum for information sharing, advocacy, consensus building, and coordination to resolve transportation issue, and establish priorities for implementing integrated multi-modal transportation projects and programs consistent with the goals of the Growth Management Act.

The work program of the SeaShore Transportation Forum includes:

- Developing and adopting a package of transportation priorities based on land use and cost/benefit plans that improves interjurisdictional mobility, freight and goods movement, safety, and attacks peak hour congestion;
- Implementing adopted priorities through leadership, education, advocacy and public involvement within communities, cities and counties of the region;
- Adopting and implementing a strategy for increasing funding for multi-modal transportation improvements and programs.

Kenmore Mayor Dick Taylor and Metropolitan King County Councilmember Maggi Fimia co-chair the SeaShore Transportation Forum.

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Sound Transit (Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority)

Sound Transit, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority, was created in 1993 to develop a regional, high-capacity transit system in urban King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. In 1996, voters in the Sound Transit district approved local taxes (4/10% sales tax and 3/10% motor vehicle excise tax) to help build the first phase of such a system. Called *Sound Move*, the ten-year plan includes regional express bus, commuter train and electric light rail services and facilities. The phase I system is to be completed in 2006. Future phases are subject to another public vote.

Sound Transit's current (mid-2000) program includes:

- 140 ST Express buses are operating on nine regional routes; five more routes are being added in 2000. Eventually, eighteen routes will be running as part of Phase I;
- Park-and-ride lots, transit centers, and special ramps connecting directly to the freeway HOV lanes are being designed and built. These will improve customer access to transit services and increase the speed and reliability of buses;
- PugetPass is now in place for riders using public transportation services. The pass is the product of an interagency program among the region's transit agencies;
- Sounder commuter trains are providing special event service and will go into regular operation between Tacoma and Seattle in September 2000. Stations, park-and-ride facilities and track improvements are being built along the line;
- Extensions of the Sounder line north to Everett and south to Lakewood are in the final design stages. Train service is scheduled to begin on those legs by late 2001 or early 2002;
- Construction on the 1.5 mile Link light rail line between downtown Tacoma and the Tacoma Dome transportation center begins in the fall of 2000;

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- Final design of the Central Link light rail line between Seattle and SeaTac is under way and construction begins in 2001;
- Public art is an integral part of all Sound Transit projects, many features being built into functional elements of facilities;
- Strategies are in motion to obtain as much federal funding for the project as possible.

Governing board:

Sound Transit's board of directors includes 17 local elected officials and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Transportation. Edmonds Councilmember Dave Earling is the 2000 board chair. Vice chairs are Metropolitan King County Councilmember Greg Nickels and Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland.

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South County Area Transportation Board

South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd) was established in 1992. The purposed of SCATBd is to serve as a forum for information sharing, consensus building, and coordination to resolve transportation issues, identify priorities, and promote transportation plans and programs that benefit the South County area. SCATBd's members include elected officials from participating cities and senior staff from participation agencies.

SCATBd's work program includes:

- Identify high-priority South County transportation improvements;
- Develop funding strategies to implement plans;
- Review and make recommendations on South County jurisdictions' adopted plans for transportation issues;
- Offer direction and assistance to agencies and local jurisdictions on South County needs in adopting regional and South County plans.

Chuck Booth, Auburn Mayor, is the 2000 Chair of SCATBd.

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